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HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY  
BEAVERVILLE, ILLINOIS

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Reverend Father Aloysius C.M.F.  
Walnut, California.

Reverend and Dear Father:-

I hope you have not thought me indifferent to your greeting note received the first part of September. - It was most kind of you to remember me and your words were very much appreciated but time did not allow may to write.

I thank God that my occupations have taken their regular turn again so I can cancel my debts of gratitude, for I feel that I can never repay you for all you have done for our community. As only prayer is a fitting means to do so, I shall have recourse to the Sacred Heart of Jesus to commend and bless you, for our



dear Jesus is never outdone in generosity.

Thank you for your suggestion in regard to Conferences of St. Vincent de P.; however, I am pleased to say we have them. I used one volume for refectory reading during our summer retreats of 1941.

I shall always appreciate your suggestions on any new books you may come across.

Enclosed is the five dollars for books, I promised to send you, together with three mass stipends. Wish I could do more to prove my appreciation.

No doubt you know of all the changes. Please join me in thanks giving to the Holy Ghost who has done so much for me this summer. All is running as smoothly as one would like.

Mormene had two weeks of trials, but as I was selling Mother Arnold's, thank God, He stamped the beginning of your Superiorship with the seal of the Cross for



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the most beautiful flowers bloom  
on the cross - Things have adjusted  
themselves, I believe God wanted  
more purification from the new  
Superior, but in the midst of it  
all, she was resigned to God's holy  
will. Yes, the last year prepared  
her for this work and I am  
sure she will carry out God's plans.

It was not my intention to change  
the sub-mistress, but Sr. M. Mediatrix  
was in bed half of the time with  
the result that I had to give extra  
help in order to have the sewing  
finished for profession; moreover,  
as I gave ill-health as the  
main cause for Mother St. Thomas  
being changed, the same condition  
existed in the sub-mistress; there-  
fore her remaining in the Novitiate  
would have condemned Mother  
St. Thomas' conduct and approved  
Sr. M. Mediatrix. Again this was  
the work of the Holy Ghost at the  
last minute. Sr. Ursula is doing  
very well with Mother Rose Mary.



all the Nurses have relaxed and Mrs. Eleda, Sr. M. Remphrice, is very happy and contented.

Mother St. Eugene fits very nicely in Bearsville and so does Sr. Mary in Manteno.

Sr. Jane of the Sacred Heart, who was made Superior in our Hospital at Champaign, is an Angel of peace.

Mother St. Louis, former Sup. and now only Superintendent of the hospital, has been heroic in, effacing herself. It was a most inspiration of the Holy Ghost to create two separate departments in the hospital and I believe it should be done as soon as possible at St. Mary's also, as one person can not do justice to her work with the result that the spiritual is neglected.

This work of the Holy Ghost when all seemed so dark, has certainly increased my confidence. I can not say otherwise, but He carries me in His Sacred Heart and He has the most delicate attention for me in the most insignificant things. In saying this I do not



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mean to boast, on the contrary I  
do so to glorify Him in His works.  
Our holy soul is here with me  
I mean in the community, doing  
her work humbly and suffering  
in silence, thereby helping countless  
souls. Just last night she came  
to me saying: "He asked me to  
suffer for St. Irene Marie these last  
days" - she was right, this Sister came  
to me with a series of complaints,  
grounded on nature but not gen-  
erosity. - I am sure you have a  
larger share in her prayers & sufferings.  
Pardon <sup>me</sup> for writing so much about  
my own interests and not even  
inquiring about your wonderful  
Maritiate. I know that God  
will bless your work there as  
He did in the past?

I have you many novices? I am  
not asking if they are fervent for  
you will make them so, with  
God's help and your sacrifices.

Be assured of my daily remembrance  
at mass especially for your success



and kindly extend my prayerful  
wishes to all but especially those  
I know. In return, I ask for  
a remembrance in their prayers.

It is a pleasure for me to tell  
you the Sisters like Fr. Snyder  
as a confessor & director. The Holy  
Spirit is surely with him.

With renewed sentiments of  
gratitude, may I ask you to  
continue praying, so I may  
do God's work according to the  
desires of our Holy Foundress.

Gratefully yours in Mary's Holy Heart,  
Sister St. Emily S.S.C.M.

Provincial Superior



manifesting any of their  
difficulties to Sister, and this  
threw off on me some  
of the Principal's duties in  
addition to my own. Since  
that is what He wants, I  
do, too. Every time I say  
the Angelus, "Ecce Ancilla  
Domini" I renew my act  
of Holy Abandonment & Love.  
Sister St. Sebastian asked God  
that she might be my  
Cyprian - this on her  
Perpetual Vow day, and God  
granted it. I have definite  
proof of it now that His holy  
will is so clear. I must  
count on her for much, and  
it is a real comfort to know  
I can do this. I feel God is  
giving Sister M. C. this time  
to do some visiting. All  
have stepped forward with

J. M. J.

Our Lady Academy  
Monteno, Ill.

Oct. 20, 1942

Rev. Abp. & M. C.  
Novice Master

Dear Reverend Father:

Please excuse scribble. I  
am writing this while waiting  
in the dentist's office. Moments  
are precious now that I am  
Mother of a large family, so I  
avail myself of this time.

I have a few things to  
tell you. Guess, who visited  
O. L. A. Sunday - Mrs. Brennan!  
I should say visited a child  
at O. L. A. If plans mature she  
is coming again this Wednesday  
to bring Wayne some things.

She has such a beautiful light  
in our eyes! I believe I shall  
keep this over until after Wednes-  
day, so if there is anything  
more to say, I can add it.  
She told us Father Mateo is



in a dying condition, and she  
doesn't believe he will be able  
to keep any more appointments.  
I am much disappointed in  
this, as he was to come  
to Monterey in October - at  
which time we were to be  
permitted night vigils again.  
God, it would seem, has  
other plans, but He sure  
knows how to get what  
He wants.

My duties during these  
past two weeks, and the  
responsibility of my charge  
have descended like a heavy  
weight upon me. But it was  
sweet of God to spare me  
for as long as He did. I  
am running into difficulties  
with two of my subjects, and  
they are not little troubles

either. The last few days things  
have been more quiet and  
peaceful but I hank on nothing  
from either. I need to pass  
through the council, and as  
all things happen with His  
divine permission, why should  
I doubt or be distressed? I feel  
so, so heavy, though, it's like  
trying to push an over-laden  
donkey.

S. M. Catherine is confined to  
bed for a period of four to six  
weeks, if not more - this  
since Saturday. The doctor has  
ordered complete mental repose,  
and as our Constitutions say  
doctor's prescriptions must be  
followed I feel I must obey.  
Hence, I have instructed  
the sisters to refrain from



pupils and contacts. It's trouble  
and more trouble! Twice I  
have made her swallow her own  
lies, and by my questions caused  
her to convict herself. Her every  
statement needs to be weighed  
and sifted. Deception is so  
reprehensible to me, and yet I  
am so extremely helpless here.  
Sister Ignatius, too, is a real  
problem to me, but I think not  
to the extent the other is. For  
the peace of my soul, won't you  
please tell me how I am  
to deal with these two subjects.  
S. Catherine says she fears I am  
taking my responsibilities too  
seriously - but I really think  
not - I mean as regards the  
failures of others. My trust I  
think is weak - pray God to  
increase it. I am reading St.  
Francis de Sales "Treatise, The  
Love of God" and find it most  
helpful to me. The other book

loyal support to lighten the  
task of sister's replacement.  
I have, as you know, some  
very good and generous subjects.  
Father Pyzalski is to give us  
a conference this afternoon.

Oct. 22, 1942

Back again! Just received your  
letter - a real joy and comfort to  
me. Have been thinking of you  
these past days - wishing you  
were near that I might  
unburden myself to someone  
I know understands. Before I  
forget Mrs. Brennan didn't  
come yesterday. Today, incidentally  
is your day - Thursday. Well,  
do I understand the weight  
of your responsibilities when I  
look about and see - some  
who are for better worldlings  
than religious.

allow me to seek your



advice - you are still my  
spiritual Father. But first, let  
me tell you this - with the  
weight of my responsibilities and  
the difficulties I am facing  
with some - my youth and  
inexperience, etc. it seemed to  
me I could not carry on alone  
with God, and you are so far  
away. Consequently, I prayed,  
prayed and prayed that God  
would manifest His holy will.  
When Father Pyszalski came I  
asked God to manifest His  
will to me through this  
holy priest. And here is what  
I was told: (You know me  
like no other and are in a  
position to judge). He told me  
to put myself under obedience  
to no-one until I was  
definitely certain - and for the  
present to let the Holy Spirit  
be my director, maintaining  
however contact with you.

You are so far away, and there  
are so many difficult things  
to settle, it almost seems  
inconsistent that God should  
leave me so much alone  
and so wholly dependent on  
Him alone. yet, if it is what  
He wants, I do, too. I need,  
I know, a greater detachment  
from creatures - a greater love  
and union with Him, and  
detachment leads to this.  
Surely, this is what I want  
above all - to be united with  
Him.

Tell me, would you please, just  
how much am I to demand  
of Sister Anne? I could never  
have believed some things did  
I not hear and see <sup>for</sup> myself.  
Should I content myself with  
demanding of her the exterior  
observance, and overlook the  
deceptive things she does to  
gain the good graces of her



on the Path of Humility you  
wished to have so long for  
reprinting again - and when  
they are and you will be  
the first to receive a copy.  
Sincerely,  
D. M.

May this admirable letter  
reach its completion today!  
I had an inspiration  
yesterday after a little inter-  
ference from my busy life.  
I have allowed my busy life  
because me to leave my  
"day work" to our department  
King and that is not right  
because now I need them  
oh, so much. I shall  
make these notes in our  
chapel each day for you  
and these under your  
charge. I have, in honor

that now through duty I must  
obey. It asks me not to  
be able to slip into oblivion  
as I had accustomed myself  
to do - but no matter what  
He asks I do want the soul  
will. Pray the time he should  
visit I he wanted to visit  
as I desire. It is so -  
so long waiting for Him. It  
is much my fault because  
I may forget in the promise  
but I do want to improve  
if only I can see my way  
determination to good ahead  
in faith, I am the poor-  
much child - pray for this  
His needy, needy one and  
these confided to me.  
Deeply in church,  
D. M.

O. J. I am sending an O. J. that self addressed  
small envelope with your name on it  
soon for - S. A. H. 1921.



of the most Blessed Trinity  
whom I love. If there is  
anything special you would  
like me to say, let me  
know. For the present I  
shall say the Veni Sancte  
and three Gloria Patri's.

Sister Mary Catherine's  
condition is improving, but  
slowly. Sister St. Sebastian  
intends visiting - she has  
been going to for over a  
month now. At present  
she is very busy, dependable  
one for many things. Sister  
St. Thomas is most helpful  
to me so far as our Holy  
Rule is concerned and the  
selection of reading matters.

God was good to give  
her to me for this  
difficult time of experience.  
I am convinced our holy  
Founders and Foundress are  
helping me from their places  
of glory in heaven. Truly, I want  
for nothing - in more ways  
than one I am God's spoiled  
child. Pray that I may lend  
myself to Him wholly and entirely  
for His greater honor and glory.  
The sun is shining in so  
beautifully as I write you  
here - it is like the sun-  
shine of His love - that  
appears and disappears at  
intervals.

I am having difficulty  
trying to school myself to  
being observant - I had attained  
a certain disregard for things



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Rev. Ploysius Ellacuria  
Immaculate Heart Convent  
Walnut, California.

Dear Father:

It was a pleasure to receive your letter of October 15. Strange to say, I had you in my thoughts many times on the 15<sup>th</sup> & when your letter came I was most happy. On that day I started special preparations for my feast day on November 15. I am making a very special study of His life during this time with an intense effort to model my own life on His. I think that if we had a greater understanding of why He acted the way He did with the different characters he dealt with we would be more Christ-like.

I am reading the Treatise of Love. It is truly a great book — if only my love for Him could measure up just a little bit to His love for me, but I fall far short of having even that which He would like me to have.

You will be interested to know that on the feast of our Father Founder I







went to our dear Manteno for a visit; I always wondered why you spoke the way you did of the holiness of Manteno but now I understand a little better. Truly it is one of His chosen sanctuaries. I spoke with Mother St Thomas while there and she said she was not there more than a day when she felt the peace and prayerful atmosphere which exists there.

Of course it is nice here too, but there is a certain something missing - I can't just explain what it is. I am asking Him to supply whatever it is.

I miss the little chapel very much; it was right near my office & every time I went in or out I stopped to greet Him, and that was many times a day, but in spite of everything I am happy and I love Him more for everything.

I have made this little office of mine a "Refining Furnace" where all dross will be burned away and in that sense it is precious to me, and I hope will hasten the time when His flood-gates of grace will open and I shall receive the grace of the Mystical Marriage.

When I came here Rev. Mother spoke to me about singing in the choir. She advised that I refrain from going to sing with the other Sisters. This was hard because it thrills me to sing the Holy Mass. I told Jesus I would sing in my heart just the







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same - that He had given me this gift & if He did not wish me to use it I was satisfied to remain silent. He accepted my sacrifice and about two weeks ago Rev. Mother asked me if I would be willing to teach singing to the Novices and also help them in the learning of the chanting of the Divine Office. I was delighted, you may be sure. Mother Rose Mary was too.

Did you know that Sister Mary Catherine is quite sick? She will have to be in bed for six or eight weeks.

Sister Agatha is here in Beaverville; do please pray for her that she may become well or that He might take her. She is not in bed, but mentally she is not always herself & when she gets those spells all the malice she has for Sister Monica comes out. She holds Sister Monica responsible for her condition for Sister has never built up her spiritual life & during this trial has nothing to fall back on.

When I visited Manteno, Sister Monica told me that Mrs. Brennan's grand nephew was there as a boarder. She pointed him out to me & I think he resembles Mrs. Brennan's youngest son.







Miss Barnett is in Rockford working in some hospital - she is now working (that is spiritually) with Father Dominic.

Sister Mary Blanche received a letter from her sister telling her that her brother Richard is to be operated on. Please tell him that the Sisters will pray for him & that a Mass will be said during the week for the success of the operation.

You may be certain that I remember you every day in my prayers in a very special way. I beg of you Father a special remembrance in your prayers that He may give me a greater discernment of souls - there is much to be done here but it is difficult - some of the Sisters bring their problems to Rev. Mother & she sends them to me but in many things I do not think as she does. You can understand the position I am in can't you? I know though that all things work together unto Good and so I will wait & pray. God is a good, good God and I love Him dearly - I would that I could bring the whole world to His feet.

Sister Mary Mediatrix asks to be remembered to you - she will never forget all you did for her - we often talk about our good kind Father Aloysius.

I will leave you now in the depths of His Merciful Love, your grateful spiritual daughter  
Sister St Eugene







for the sick? I kiss it frequently  
to gain the plenary indulgence  
and ask Our Lord to take it for  
the release of one man's soul.

Not so long ago Mother mentioned  
that her mission on earth was  
to praise the Trinity by the mass.  
I was wondering if you had  
been given my mission at  
that time and if it would be  
conducive to God's glory for  
me to know it. I raised up  
to have told me something  
concerning myself on her  
profession day but Rev. Mother  
silenced her. Probably I  
want to know too much,  
or probably I need patience.

You still <sup>are</sup> in our spiritual  
life here at Manteno, and  
without a doubt you are  
doing much good where you  
are. We dare not wish you  
back for that would be  
interfering with God's plan,  
and we must do His Will.

Kind remembrance and  
prayerful wishes,  
Sister M. Catherine,

J. M. J.

Our Lady Academy,  
Manteno, Illinois  
Nov. 1, 1942.

Dear Father Aloysius,  
I was very  
much inclined to write  
and tell you I was a-bed;  
your message, through Mother  
Mary, made my inclination  
realize itself. I am most  
grateful for your prayers, but  
I always feel I have them  
whether you know my  
condition or not. I am really  
not sick - just off my feet  
because of swollen ankles  
and knees. And I'm afraid  
I don't deserve to be con-  
gratulated as one of Christ's  
sufferers since I experience  
no pain, only a bit of  
soreness. Neither do I  
experience any mental dif-







frivolities resigning myself.

Everybody has been most generous in offering to do my work; the girls run to the aid of the heavily-burdened sisters, and I am cared for as only the charity of Christ could care for one. Nothing could be sweeter than to live as we do.

Father Pyzalski, the Redemptorist of Wilkes' persecutions, was here for a conference last week, and I took advantage of his coming for confessions! I had a real thrill of joy when he told me to repeat the Glorious Patri in praise of the Trinity, very, very often. It was the same advice you had given me for a life practice. If I knew the hour of your mass, I might join you in saying the "Our Father, et cetera, et in ipso." I move you every-day in the Holy Sacrifice, as

well as Father Snyder, but with a different intention for each.

Two weeks ago Sr. St. Thomas went to Bennettsville and Frances sent me this message. "Tell Sr.

M. C. God loves her very, very much and is doing all's work in her. I will pray for her very specially each day." I was glad to get even this little bit, for restrictions are so tight they could not be more so.

In His goodness God has inspired many to pray for me. Sr. Theresa of the Infant Jesus (rather Rose Mary's little sister, and a very holy soul she is) is also praying daily for me. The Blessed Sacrament was exposed in our chapel on the feast of Christ King and yesterday (Treat day), and several of the sisters offered an hour's adoration in my stead. I

was really grateful to God for the inspirations He sent them. And so you know that I have with me the crucifix you blessed for Sr. Annunciat



